PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q78133

Keisuke KII, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/698,438

Group Art Unit: 1771

Confirmation No.: 2685

Examiner: Victor S. Chang

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For:

PARTIALLY CROSSLINKED ADHESIVE-SUPPORTED POROUS FILM FOR BATTERY

SEPARATOR AND ITS USE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated March 19, 2007. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes claim 1 is a generic claim. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects the polyfunctional isocyanate compound for examination on which claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-8 are readable.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

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Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected subject matter.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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